

2018 Annual Water Quality Report

The 2018 Water Quality Report is now available.

Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water to view the report to learn more about the sources and quality of your drinking water.

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STREET SWEEPING MAP AVAILABLE ONLINE



Residents can check neighborhood street sweeping schedules online.

An interactive street sweeping map is now available, providing a comprehensive, block-by-block street sweeping schedule for the City. Easily identify sweep areas by color, search by address, zoom in to view the scheduled sweep days and times for each area, print or share the map, and more.

Regular street sweeping occurs on about 80% of the City's 254 miles of paved streets. Sweeping frequency is tied to accumulation of debris, density of population, and usage, and is scheduled as often as four times per week to twice a month. Residential neighborhoods are swept during the daytime, and the commercial and arterial routes and downtown business areas are swept at night.

The street sweepers annually remove approximately 1,850 tons of debris, trash, and other harmful constituents that would have otherwise ended up in the storm drains, creeks, and eventually in the ocean. Find the sweeping schedule for your street at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Sweeping.

FALL PLANTING FOR SPRING COLOR



Native plants add color to your garden and require minimal maintenance and watering.

What if you could have a beautiful garden that saves you water, time, and money? Native plants can help you reach those goals. Now is the time to start planning. Planting natives in the fall encourages the growth of strong root systems. Plants also benefit from winter showers to get established. Native plants typically require little maintenance, are well adapted to local conditions, have few pests, and do not require regular fertilizing.

Ready to upgrade your landscape but need some help? Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise for inspiration. There you can browse our Virtual Garden Tours and Plant Database website or download our "Water Wise Native Plants for Santa Barbara County" booklet.

Rebates may be available for replacing lawn with water wise plants,
visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Rebates
or call (805) 564-5460
for more information before any work is done.

2018 PARADE OF LIGHTS BRIGHTENS SANTA BARBARA'S WATERFRONT



The Parade of Lights is one of the City's signature holiday events.

On Sunday, December 9, visitors can enjoy one of the City's signature holiday events – the 32nd Annual Parade of Lights. Festivities begin at 3 p.m., followed by the boat parade at 5:30 p.m., and an extended fireworks show on West Beach. All activities are free.

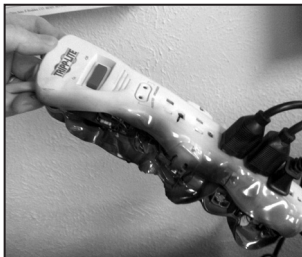
The boat parade will include 30 illuminated boats decorated to the glitz, glamour, and bright lights of this year's theme, "Hollywood Holidays." Prior to the parade, families can visit Santa's Village on the City Pier in the Harbor. Kicking off the festivities, elves will distribute goody bags to the first 400 children. Kids will also delight in 10 tons of snow. K-Lite 101.7 will provide

holiday music to keep the atmosphere festive. Of course, no Santa's Village would be complete without the man himself—Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance, so bring your camera to take a free family photo.

The best viewing locations for the boat parade and fireworks that follow include Stearns Wharf, the breakwater, and East Beach. The event concludes with a festive awards gala at the Maritime Museum, complete with gifts and cash prizes.

WHY YOU SHOULD NEVER PLUG A HEATER INTO A POWER STRIP

As the weather starts to get colder, the Fire Department's Office of Emergency Services, would like to remind you that you should never plug a heater into a power strip.



As winter approaches take safety precautions when heating your home.

Power strips are not designed to handle the high current flow needed for a space heater and can overheat or even catch fire due to the added energy flow. Space heaters should only be plugged into a wall outlet, preferably with no other electronic equipment, due to the high current needed. Also, if using a space heater, keep the unit 3 feet away from any combustible materials.

LIBRARY GOES FULL STEAM WITH NEW PROGRAMMING

The Library has launched a program to introduce Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, or STEAM, to children in an age-appropriate way. Children ages 2 to 5 years old can have fun playing, while learning valuable skills. Signs posted in the STEAM area let parents know that their kids aren't just having fun, but learning too. The STEAM program takes place from 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays in the children's area of the Central Library.



Preschoolers learn important skills while learning at the library.

Upcoming Water Wise Classes!



**Site Assessment
101**
Thurs. Nov. 15th



**Rain Harvesting
101**
Mon. Nov. 19th

**Graywater
101**
Thurs. Dec. 6th

**Water Wise Plant
Maintenance 101**
Wed. Dec. 12th

All classes are scheduled from 6:30-8:00 pm
at the **Mackenzie Park Community Building**
located at 3200 State Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103.

*A suggested donation of \$10/person or \$15/couple
can be made to Sweetwater Collaborative.*

*Classes are provided by Sweetwater Collaborative
and sponsored in part by the City of Santa Barbara.*

For more information visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/GardenClasses



Free Homework Help After School @ Central Library 40 E Anapamu



Mondays 3:30-6:30 pm
Wednesdays 2:30-6:30 pm



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